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SUBJECT: INDIA SEEKS TO PROTECT CITIZENS, SECURE ENERGY INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST (C-NE5-00945)

REF: A. STATE 218793 B. NEW DELHI 9223 C. RIYADH 8755 D. NEW DELHI 6841 E. NEW DELHI 6804 F. MUMBAI 1688 G. 04 NE

Classified By: Political Counselor Geoff Pyatt for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

¶1. (C) Summary: While India has major interests in the Middle East (energy, trade, expatriate workers, and religious ties), it has historical Strategic Interests in the Area

¶2. (C) India's strategic interests in the Middle East can be summarized as energy, citizens, trade, and religious ties. India imports 70% of ¶3. (C) The importance of New Delhi's relationships with each of the countries listed in Ref A can be determined by the degree to which the at Saudi Arabia: Oil, Trade, and CT

¶4. (C) Saudi Arabia dominates Indian attention in the Gulf due to its prominence in the areas of energy, Indian expatriates, and trade. In a

¶5. (C) Corroborating the rumors of a King Abdullah visit in January, well-connected columnist and commentator Saeed Naqvi told PolCouns and I

¶6. (C) The GOI and KSA interact on terrorism as part of their political relationship, Singh said. India attended the Saudi-organized counter Iraq

¶7. (C) India has traditionally been a large purchaser of Iraqi oil, and would like to renew its relations with the new Iraqi government in or Other Countries

¶8. (C) The UAE, in particular Dubai, is a strong focus of Indian business relations in the Gulf, and much shipping from Mumbai transits Dubai

¶9. (C) Post reported on Indian interests in Iran in Ref E, and its weak relations with Syria in Ref D. Media reports have recently indicated Relations with the OIC

¶10. (C) J/S Singh dismissed the idea that India maintained hope to join the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), explaining that sir Counter-terrorism

¶11. (C) In addition to the GOI's inclusion of counter-terrorism as a subject for discussion with Saudi counterparts (above), New Delhi partic Weak Personalities

¶12. (S) Responsibility for India's policies in the Gulf and West Asia are shared among Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed, West

¶13. (S) Naqvi was similarly critical of Ahamed, a Minister of State who represents the UPA coalition minor partner Muslim League Kerala State Comment: Still a Blind Spot in Foreign Relations

¶14. (C) Despite recognition that India's interests in the Gulf and Middle East are substantial (Ref G), New Delhi has not shown the capabilit

¶15. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>) MINIMIZE CONSIDERED

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